

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Shimoji et al.
App. No	:	10/564,874
Filed	:	January 17, 2006
For	:	SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	:	Orkin, Alexander J.
Art Unit	:	3773
Conf No.	:	3870

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 29, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 29, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

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